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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)**Applicant(s): **Ballevre et al.**

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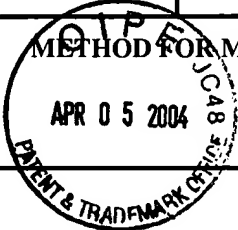
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**1653**Invention: **METHOD FOR MAINTAINING OR IMPROVING THE SYNTHESIS OF MUCINS****TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

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